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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the 7 October 2005 Office Action mailed on October 7, 2005 for the subject application. A response was originally due January 7, 2006, without an extension of time. Applicants are petitioning concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that Office Action for one month from January 7, 2006 up to and including February 7, 2006 and are paying the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

Please amend the claims of the subject application as follows. Upon entry of the amendments, the pending claims will be those of the following listing.